

In re the Application of: Patrick Smith

Serial No.: 08/377,449

Filed: January 24, 1996

For: AUTOMATIC HOT FOOD PREPARING MACHINE

THE HONORABLE COMMISSIONER  
OF PATENTS AND TRADEMARKS  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

Small entity status of this Application under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.

A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.

No additional fee is required.

The fee has been calculated as shown below:

(Col. 1) CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMD.	(Col. 2) HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	(Col. 3) PRESENT EXTRA	SMALL ENTITY		OTHER THAN A SMALL ENTITY	
			RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE	RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
Total claims: 9	minus 20	-0-	x \$11.00 =		x \$22.00 =	
Indep. Claims: 1	minus 3	-0-	x \$37.00 =		x \$74.00 =	
<input type="checkbox"/> First Presentation of Multiple Dependent Claim(s)			+ 115.00 =		+ 230.00 =	
** If the difference in (Col. 2) is less than zero, enter "0" in (Col. 3)			Total Additional: -0-		Total Additional:	

 Applicant hereby Petitions for an Extension of Time of    month(s), pursuant to Rule 1.136(a). A check in the amount of \$    is attached for processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17. Please charge my Deposit Account No. 02-2666 the amount of \$   . A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed. A check in the amount of \$    is attached for presentation of additional claim(s). The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2666: Any additional filing fees required under 37 CFR 1.16 for presentation of extra claims. Any extension or petition fees under 37 CFR 1.17. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks, Washington, D.C. 20231 on August 26, 1996.

August 26, 1996

Name: D.L. Mendrygal

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Initial Review  
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Response Under 37 C.F.R. §1.116  
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In re the Application of: )  
PATRICK SMITH ) Examiner: DEAN E. REICHARD  
Serial No.: 08/377,449 ) Art Unit: 3101  
Filed: JANUARY 24, 1995 )  
For: AUTOMATIC HOT FOOD )  
VENDING MACHINE )

### AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

Honorable Commissioner of Patents  
and Trademarks  
Washington, D. C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the outstanding final Office Action mailed May 31, 1996,  
Applicant respectfully requests entry of this Amendment to place the claims of the  
application in condition for allowance.

### IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1, 7-11, 16, 17 and 19-21.

### REMARKS

The final Office Action was issued in connection with claims 1-17 and 19-21.  
Allowance of claims 2-6 and 12-15 is gratefully acknowledged. Applicant hereby  
requests cancellation of the remaining claims of the application, i.e., claims 1, 7-11,